



Disaster News

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ENTERPRISE DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER CHANGES SCHEDULE

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – The Disaster Recovery Center in Enterprise will be closed this Sunday, March 25, and will reopen on Monday morning.

New hours will be Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., closed Sundays. The recovery center operated by the Alabama Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency is located at the Enterprise Recreation Center, 421 East Lee St.

Alabama residents affected by the March 1 storms and tornadoes are urged to register for assistance by calling **(800) 621-FEMA (3362)** between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The TTY number is **(800) 462-7585** for those who are speech or hearing impaired. Applicants can also register on line at www.fema.gov.

Representatives of state and federal agencies are on hand at the Disaster Recovery Center to answer questions and provide recovery information. Officials from the U.S. Small Business Administration are available to discuss disaster loans for homeowners, renters and businesses of all sizes. Written materials about various assistance programs also are available to individuals and business owners.

Hazard Mitigation specialists will provide information on how to rebuild and repair safer and stronger structures.

FEMA manages federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident, initiates mitigation activities and manages the National Flood Insurance Program. FEMA works closely with state and local emergency managers, law enforcement personnel, firefighters and other first responders. FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on March 1, 2003.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, economic status or retaliation. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, you should call FEMA toll-free at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or contact your State Office of Equal rights. If suspicious of any abuse of FEMA programs, please contact the fraud hotline at 1-800-323-8603.

FEMA's temporary housing assistance and grants for public transportation expenses, medical and dental expenses, and funeral and burial expenses do not require individuals to apply for an SBA loan. However, applicants who receive SBA loan applications must submit them to SBA loan officers to be eligible for assistance that covers personal property, vehicle repair or replacement, and moving and storage expenses.

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